

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
TACOMA DIVISION

JOSEPH E. WOOD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Civil No. 3:20-cv-06133-BAT

ORDER

Based on the stipulation of the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the above-captioned case be REVERSED and REMANDED for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Upon remand from the court, the Appeals Council will instruct the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) as follows. The ALJ will offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a hearing and make every reasonable effort to ensure that the administrative record is fully and fairly developed; reevaluate the medical opinions, prior administrative medical findings, and evidence from nonmedical sources and, as warranted, obtain evidence from a medical expert to clarify the nature, severity, and effects of Plaintiff's impairments. As warranted, the ALJ will reevaluate Plaintiff's symptom testimony, determine whether drug

1 addiction and alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the determination of disability, and
2 reassess Plaintiff's maximum residual functional capacity. If warranted by the expanded record,
3 the ALJ will obtain supplemental vocational expert evidence to clarify the effect of the assessed
4 limitations on Plaintiff's ability to perform his past relevant work and other work in the national
5 economy. The ALJ will take any further action needed to complete the administrative record and
6 issue a new decision.

7 Judgment shall be entered for Plaintiff. Upon proper presentation, the Court will consider
8 whether reasonable attorney fees, costs, and expenses should be awarded pursuant to the Equal
9 Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d); 28 U.S.C. § 1920.

10 DATED this 17th day of August 2021.

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13 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
14 United States Magistrate Judge

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